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TAGS: PDIP, CASC, US, VM
SUBJECT: AMERICAN YACHT BRILLIG

REF: PARIS 30293

1. SRV LIAISON OFFICER DO THANH TELEPHONED EMBOFF AT
18:40 OCTOBER 17 TO SAY THAT THEY HAD FINALLY RECEIVED
A MESSAGE FROM HANOI CONCERNING THE YACHT BRILLIG. THE
SRV CONFIRMED THE EVENT:

A. ON OCTOBER 12 THREE FISHING BOATS BELONGING
TO A VN STATE ENTERPRISE FOUND THE YACHT IN
VIETNAMESE TERRITORIAL WATERS. THE FISHING BOATS MADE
SIGNALS TO THE YACHT TO STOP, BUT THE YACHT CONTINUED.
THE THREE BOATS THEN SURROUNDED THE YACHT AT 8 DEGREES
22 MINUTES NORTH 104 DEGREES 42 MINUTES EAST, TWENTY
KILOMETERS FROM THE ISLAND OF HON KHOAI. ON THE
YACHT WERE THREE AMERICANS, ONE WOMAN AND TWO MEN WITH
AMERICAN PASSPORTS IDENTIFYING THEM AS THE PERSONS
WHOSE NAMES WE HAD PROVIDED. THEY ALSO FOUND TEN
CASES OF MARIJUANA OR SOMETHING OF THE SORT.

B. ON OCTOBER 15 THE YACHT WAS TAKEN TO HO CHI
MINH VILLE, THE THREE AMERICANS WERE TAKEN FROM THE
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YACHT, AND AN OFFICIAL REPORT (PROCES VERBAL) WAS
EXECUTED. THE CHIEF OF THE CREW (THE WOMAN) DID NOT
WISH TO SIGN THE REPORT BECAUSE, SHE SAID, THE YACHT
WAS BEYOND THE 200 MILE LIMIT OF VIETNAMESE WATERS.

C. THE VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT IS CONTINUING TO
VERIFY THE FACTS.

2. DO THANH CALLED SUBSEQUENTLY TO SAY THAT THERE HAD BEEN SOME PROBLEM IN THE DECODING OF THE MESSAGE. WHILE MOST OF IT APPEARS TO BE EXACT, THERE MAY BE SOME PROBLEM WITH THE PART CONCERNING WHETHER THE WOMAN SIGNED OR REFUSED TO SIGN THE OFFICIAL REPORT CONCERNING THE FACTS OF THE CASE. THEY WILL VERIFY THE TEXT WITH HANOI.

3. THE DEPARTMENT WILL HAVE NOTED THAT THE AFP ARTICLE (WHICH IS CONSIDERED RELIABLE BY AFP CENTRAL OFFICE) STATES THAT THE WOMAN DID SIGN THE REPORT.
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